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Filing Date	November 10, 2003
First Named Inventor	Mary Ann Fitzmaurice
Art Unit	2876
Examiner Name	Kim, Ahshik
Attorney Docket Number	40655.0100

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Applicant(s): **Mary Ann Fitzmaurice et al.**

Docket No.

40655.0100

Serial No.
09/764.688

Filing Date
January 16, 2001

Examiner

Group Art Unit

Invention: MULTIPLE-SERVICE CARD SYSTEM

A circular stamp with a double-line border. The word 'OPIPE' is at the top. The bottom border contains the text 'PATENT & TRADE MARK OFFICE'. The center of the stamp contains the date 'NOV 10 2003'.

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Title: **MULTIPLE-SERVICE CARD
SYSTEM**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 8, 2003, of which this response is filed within the shortened statutory three month period, Applicants present the Amendments and Remarks beginning on the following page in complete response thereto. Applicants' amended claims are now in condition for allowance or, alternatively, serve to present the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. The amendments do not raise new issues and should not require a further search. No new matter is added, and each of the amendments finds full support in the claims, specification, or drawings as filed. As such, reconsideration of the rejections in light of the amendments and arguments contained in this Reply is respectfully requested. Early and favorable action is further requested.